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cont. No. 596 283 A1 and as it is herewith incorporated in the disclosure content of the present patent application by express reference.

At page 13, change the first sentence of the paragraph beginning at line 11 to read (the remainder of the paragraph remains as-filed):

97 FIG. 1 shows an epilator head 1 of an epilating appliance of the present invention.

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In the Claims:

Please cancel the original claims 1-23, without prejudice, and kindly add the following claims, support for which is discussed in the "Remarks" section:

-24. A depilation apparatus comprising  
a housing,  
a depilation member for gripping hairs on human skin and pulling the hairs from the skin,  
and  
a vibration member for exerting mechanical vibration on the skin to thereby provide an anaesthetizing effect on the skin while the hairs are being pulled from the skin by the depilation member, both the depilation member and the vibration member provided in the housing,  
characterized in that  
the vibration member comprises flexible protrusions for contacting the skin which are disposed on a carrier, and  
means for vibrating the carrier to thereby vibrate the flexible protrusions and thereby exert mechanical vibrations on the skin where these vibrating flexible protrusions contact the skin.

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25. A depilation apparatus as claimed in claim 24, characterized in that the protrusions are disposed in a uniform pattern.

26. A depilation apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the protrusions have, adjacent a distal free end thereof, a conical shape.

27. A depilation apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the protrusions each have a rounded end portion.

28. A depilation apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the protrusions comprise a resilient plastics material.

29. A depilation apparatus as claimed in claim 24, characterized in that each of the protrusions has, adjacent a distal free end thereof, a conical shape.

30. A depilation apparatus as claimed in claim 29, wherein the protrusions each have a rounded end portion.

31. A depilation apparatus as claimed in claim 29, wherein the protrusions comprise a resilient plastics material.

32. A depilation apparatus as claimed in claim 24, characterized in that the protrusions each have a rounded end portion.

33. A depilation apparatus as claimed in claim 32, wherein the protrusions comprise a resilient plastics material.

34. A depilation apparatus as claimed in claim 24, characterized in that the protrusions comprise a resilient plastics material.

35. A depilation apparatus as claimed in claim 24, characterized in that the means for vibrating the carrier comprises a first member which is pivotable about a first axis, an eccentric member having a second axis extending substantially parallel to the first axis and which comprises a mounting member disposed eccentrically relative to the second axis, and a mechanical spring biasing the first member relative the mounting member.

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